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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Chad Aerts	Examiner:	
Serial No.:	10/796,406	Not yet assigned	
Filed:	March 8, 2004	Art Unit:	Not yet assigned
For:	FABRIC ATTACHMENT DEVICE		
Attorney Docket No:	3591-1347		

Mail Stop: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450  
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## TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

**Attached are:**

- Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Information Disclosure Statement; PTO FORM 1449; four German patents; one WIPO patent; and**
- Return Receipt Postcard**

**Fee calculation:**

- No additional fee is required.
- An extension fee in an amount of \$ for a \_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Not a Small Entity		
					Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$9=			x \$18=	
Indep.		Minus			x 43=			x \$86=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
					Total	\$	Total	\$	

**Fee payment:**

- Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$ . A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Yosick (Reg. No. 51,062)  
Attorney for Applicant

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Our Case No.: 3591-1347

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#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of

record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), foreign applications A33 – A36 are cited for the potential relevance of the figures therein. No English translation is within the possession, custody, or control of, or is readily available to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c).

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in  
the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION**      **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
A1	826,749	07/24/1906	G.L. Reeve		
A2	1,772,979	08/12/1930	L. Bell		
A3	2,653,651	09/29/1953	A.W. Nemmer		
A4	3,216,029	11/09/1965	R. Fritzmeier		
A5	3,423,775	01/28/1969	R. Cockerill		
A6	3,521,929	07/28/1970	M.E. Pearson		
A7	3,600,764	10/16/1969	M. Froehlich, Jr.		
A8	3,722,950	03/27/1973	R. Harnick		
A9	3,758,159	09/11/1973	A.R. Morris		
A10	3,842,456	10/22/1974	E.L. Bronstien, Jr.		
A11	3,844,612	10/29/1974	K.C. Borggren, et al.		
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A13	3,995,892	12/07/1976	R.F. Hellman, et al.		
A14	4,284,305	08/18/1981	C.A. Porter, et al.		
A15	4,352,524	10/05/1982	L.H. Crosby		
A16	4,364,607	12/21/1982	P. Tamburini		
A17	4,541,137	09/17/1985	L.K. Murray		
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A20	4,789,201	12/06/1988	A.J. Selbert		
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A32	6,406,093 B1	06/18/2002	R.L. Miotto, et al.		

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A33	DT 22 24 000	03/17/1972	Germany		No
	A34	DT 23 40 831	08/13/1973	Germany		No
	A35	DE 29 15 558	04/18/1979	Germany		No
	A36	DE 35 13 076 A1	04/12/1985	Germany		No
	A37	WO 87/05480	09/24/1987	WIPO		

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